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**WALKER ANNOUNCES BUSIEST JUNE EVER AT
MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT;
YEAR-TO-DATE UP 2.3 PERCENT**

MILWAUKEE, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced that June's 663,304 passengers made it the busiest June ever at General Mitchell International Airport. The total was a 1.57 percent increase over June 2005's record 653,049 passengers. For the first six months of 2006, the passenger total is up 2.3 percent over the same period in 2005.

"The summer months are traditionally a strong travel period. The Internet helps the airlines advertise their unsold seats, and many travelers snap them up at bargain prices for a last-minute vacation," said Walker.

Airport Director Barry Bateman noted that all three concourses at the airport are under construction to accommodate the increasing number of passengers. The improvements include:

- Renovation and widening of Concourse C, including the security checkpoint and gates, was completed in July. Eight new gates are under construction on Concourse C.
- A new taxiway that will accommodate two-way aircraft traffic around the new Concourse C gates is under construction.
- The Concourse D security checkpoint has been widened, adding two more security lanes, and renovation of the Concourse D stem will be finished this year.
- Construction of an additional security checkpoint lane on Concourse E is complete and Concourse E stem renovation is now underway.

General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Public Works, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport's capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation. For more information on Mitchell International, visit www.mitchellairport.com.

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